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• A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE •

## Voters Elect Mayor and Council in Historic Election

### Newton, Feinberg, Onley, Palakovich Carr and Pierzchala Win Rockville's First Four-Year Terms

Rockville voters re-elected Bridget Donnell Newton as mayor last month, giving her 4,156 votes, or nearly 65 percent of the total votes cast.

Four councilmembers were also elected: Beryl L. Feinberg, Virginia D. Onley, Julie Palakovich Carr and Mark Pierzchala.

The Mayor and Council were sworn in during an inauguration ceremony on Nov. 15 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Find Rockville 11 coverage of the inauguration at [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube) and on cable channel 11 through December. It was the 65th election and inauguration in the City of Rockville and the first time in city history that the Mayor and Council were elected to serve four-year terms.



(left to right) Councilmembers Beryl L. Feinberg and Virginia D. Onley, Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmembers Julie Palakovich Carr and Mark Pierzchala.

Newton, a 34-year resident of Rockville, was returned for a second term as mayor, after serving two terms as a councilmember.

The winning council candidates received the following vote totals:

- Feinberg: 3,448 (14.4 percent).

- Palakovich Carr: 2,998 (12.5 percent).

- Pierzchala: 2,799 (11.7 percent).

- Onley: 2,752 (11.5 percent).

Feinberg, Onley and Palakovich Carr were each elected to their second term as

a councilmember. Pierzchala served on the council for two terms from 2009-2013.

Of the 40,749 registered voters in Rockville, there were 6,468 ballots cast (15.9 percent) including votes cast on early voting days, same-day registration at City Hall on Election Day and by absentee or provisional ballot.

Elections are nonpartisan and held every four years. Full results are at [www.rockvillemd.gov/electionresults](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/electionresults).

The Mayor and Council got to work with three meetings in November. They will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Learn more, including how to contact the Mayor and Council, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil). ❖

## Rockville Facilities to Close for the Holidays

City Hall and all city facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Many facilities and programs will operate on a limited schedule on Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31.

City Hall will also close from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, for an annual recognition event for city employees.

Recycling and refuse will not be affected by the holidays. City facilities will operate on the following schedule:

- City Hall and all city facilities will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Friday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day).
  - Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31.
  - During the last two weeks of December, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office will be open only from 2-7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Dec. 22 and 29 and Wednesdays, Dec. 23 and 30. The box office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Tickets are always available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre).
  - Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31, and Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.
  - The Rockville Senior Center, including the fitness room, will close at 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31.
  - The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) for lap and program schedules.
- For more information, call 240-314-5000 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). ❖

## City Planners Go Back to School for the Future

### 'Rockville 2040' Takes Listening Sessions to Students

City planners are meeting with high school students in Rockville to hear what they want in their future community.

Students at Richard Montgomery, Rockville and Thomas S. Wootton high schools are learning what a master plan is and how it impacts the city during "Rockville 2040" listening sessions that are part of an update to the Comprehensive Master Plan.

The master plan aims to preserve and improve the quality of life in Rockville by guiding development and conservation and ensuring the city's ability to provide high-quality community facilities. The city has held listening sessions throughout Rockville

for the past few months, during which planning staff shared information about the master plan update and heard community member views about the future of the community.

At the sessions with high school students, the students shared that there are not many activities for them in Rockville, with options like laser tag and bowling found in neighboring communities. Several expressed an interest in having a roller skating rink in the city.

Wootton student Taylor Noble said it is important for the city to reach out to students as it plans for the future "because master planning takes a very long time."

"What the City of Rockville

is doing now is for the benefit of future generations," Noble said. "Kids and young adults like myself are the future, so it's important to reach out to us and get our ideas and input."

After observing the listening session with a group of Wootton student government leaders, Acting Principal Kimberly Boldon said she was impressed by how thoughtful the students were about what's important and what's not.

"The students are smart, have opinions and should be included with a voice of what they want to see for their community," Boldon said.

Hearing from students from across Rockville enables the mas-

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**Wootton High students said they'd like to see more park space, more entertainment options throughout the city and more places to grab a bite to eat or hang out near their school in the future.**

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## Next Southlawn Area Study Community Meeting is Dec. 9

The planning study to identify possible land use and traffic solutions to lessen the impacts of the Southlawn industrial area on the city's near east side neighborhoods will continue in December with a meeting for the public to hear about potential redevelopment scenarios.

The meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

The study, which was requested by the Mayor and Council, is investigating future nonindustrial or light-industrial land use, traffic patterns and the scale of development as compared to existing neighborhoods. Such topics are included in the city's Comprehensive Master Plan and applicable neighborhood plans.

The 101-acre project study area overlaps the city's Southlawn/RedGate, East Rockville and Lincoln Park planning areas.

Revised recommendations are expected to be discussed at a community meeting in January and final recommendations will be presented to a joint meeting of the Mayor and Council and Planning Commission in February.

Learn more, sign up to receive email updates and share your thoughts on the study with the Mayor and Council via a comment form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/southlawnstudy).

For more information, contact Clark Larson in Community Planning and Development Services at [clarson@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:clarson@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8200.

## Sign Up for Rockville Alerts and E-Newsletters and 'Connect With Us'

Rockville offers a variety of ways to stay informed about what's happening in our city. Sign up for Alert Rockville at [www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts) to receive emergency public safety, severe weather and traffic alerts via phone, text and email.

The "Notify Me" page at [www.rockvillemd.gov/list.aspx](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/list.aspx) offers opportunities to subscribe to email or text messages about a variety of community activities, meetings, events and website updates. Or, learn how to "connect with us" on social media at [www.rockvillemd.gov/connections](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/connections).

"Notify Me" features a number of e-newsletters, many of them with interactive graphics and links to city Web pages. You may choose to receive:

- Monthly news from the Community Planning and Development Services Department.
- Development Watch updates on new development applications or changes to application status.
- E-mails about the city's Moderately Priced Dwelling Units program, including MPDUs available for rent or sale and new rental properties.
- Notifications when the latest interactive edition of "Rockville Reports" is online.
- Information about the Southlawn Industrial Area Feasibility Study.
- News about city sports leagues.
- Updates from the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, including weather closures, swim meets and class information.

Web users can also find "This Week in Rockville" at [www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek), where they can sign up to receive weekly emails of the interactive e-newsletter featuring special events, recreation programs and other chances to engage with the city.



# Year in Review

## Rockville Rocked Rankings and Awards Lists in 2015

*Parks, Food, Financial Reporting and Quality of Life Earn Recognition*

Rockville racked up rankings, honors and awards in 2015 as the "best," "most," "moving-est" and "leafiest" – among other accolades.

### Livability.com ranked Rockville on its lists of:

- "Best Places to Live in the United States" (No. 17).
- "Best Cities for Families" (No. 9).
- "Best Foodie Cities" (No. 4).

### Movoto.com ranked Rockville on its lists of:

- "Best Places Near Washington, D.C. for Young Professionals" (No. 7).
- "Best Washington, D.C. Suburbs" (No. 6).
- "Best D.C. Suburbs to Retire" (No. 6).

Rockville also ranked No. 29 on NerdWallet.com's list of "The Most Educated Places in America" and No.



7 on GoodCall.com's list of "Best Cities for Women Entrepreneurs."

### Rockville was also recognized as a:

- Playful City, as designated



by the KaBOOM! Playful City USA program.

- Let's Move! City, from first lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative.
- Tree City USA (for the 26th consecutive year), from the Arbor Day Foundation.

### An Environmental Leader

Rockville ranked No. 26 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) list of the largest green power government users in the U.S. and, for the second time, was named a Sustainable Maryland com-

munity by the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center. Learn more in the article on this page.

### Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association awarded the city, for the 25th consecutive year each, a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2016 budget and a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for the Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

### Community Counts

Most importantly, in the Community Survey released in March and used by the Mayor and Council to assess community needs, 93 percent of respondents said they consider the overall quality of life in Rockville to be "excellent" or "good." ❖

## Rockville Ranks as a National Leader in Green Power Use

*City is Also a Sustainable Maryland Community for Second Time*

Rockville recently received state and national recognition as a leader in environmental sustainability and green power use.

The city appears, for the second consecutive year, at No. 26 on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Top 30 Local Government list of the largest green power users in the United States.

Rockville purchases 16 million kilowatt-hours (kwh) of wind renewable energy certificates (RECs) annually. The RECs, which go toward generating power using wind, are enough to offset 100 percent of the organization's electricity use. According to the EPA, the city's annual green power use is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions of more than 2,000 passenger vehicles, or nearly 2,000 average American homes using electricity, each year.

The city is also part of the Montgomery County Clean Energy Buyer's Group, which ranks fourth in the nation among local government clean energy purchasers and 15th among all national purchasers. Learn more about the county buyer's group at [www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/PressDetail.aspx?PrID=15446](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/PressDetail.aspx?PrID=15446).



The City was recognized for the second time as a Sustainable Maryland community, during an award ceremony on Oct. 27 at the Maryland Municipal League's Fall Conference in Cambridge, Md. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (left) and Erica Shingara, the city's sustainability coordinator, accepted the award from University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center.

[montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/PressDetail.aspx?PrID=15446](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/PressDetail.aspx?PrID=15446).

The government rankings are in addition to the community ranking, which includes businesses, residents, government and institutions. Rockville ranks No. 11 in the national Green Power Community Challenge, with 115 million kwh of green power use annually.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/greenpower](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/greenpower).

Green power use was

just one of the reasons Rockville was recognized for the second time as a Sustainable Maryland community. The Sustainable Maryland recertification award, from the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center, recognizes the city for the following sustainability efforts:

- Stormwater program implementation.
- Involvement and advocacy of the city's Environment Commission as a "green

team."

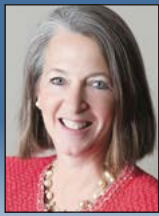
- Opportunities for citizen involvement and engagement.
- Designation as a Bicycle-Friendly Community.
- Status as a "Tree City USA" for 26 consecutive years.
- Designation as a Maryland Smart Energy Community.
- Watershed plan adoption.
- Watershed stewardship projects.
- The RainScapes Rewards program.
- The Saturday Farmers Market.
- Community garden opportunities.
- Health and wellness programs.
- The Rockville Rewards "buy local" campaign.

"Sustainability is an important priority in Rockville," City Manager Barbara B. Matthews said. "The Mayor and Council continue to make significant investments in order to make our community as green as possible and they take pride in being a leader in sustainability in Maryland."

Learn more about efforts to enhance Rockville's high quality of life through environmental sustainability at [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment). ❖



# Mayor & Council



Mayor  
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember  
Beryl L. Feinberg



Councilmember  
Virginia D. Onley



Councilmember  
Julie Palakovich Carr



Councilmember  
Mark Pierzchala

## Meet Rockville's Mayor and Council

Rockville's 65th Mayor and Council were sworn in on Nov. 16 during a ceremony at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Find Rockville 11's full coverage of the ceremony at [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtu-tube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtu-tube). Connect with the Mayor and Council at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil) and learn more about them here as they look forward to the new term.

### Mayor

#### Bridget Donnell Newton

**Residence:** West End.

**Years living in Rockville:** 34.

**Experience:** Two terms on the council (2009-2013). One term as mayor (2013-2015). Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). Second Vice Chair of the Transportation Planning Board. Member of the boards of MML and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Served on community, school and church boards and with various organizations.

**What do you enjoy about living in Rockville?** "Our quality of life is due to great neighborhoods, great services and proximity to everything. Rockville residents are friendly and supportive. There are multiple opportunities for a great education, enjoying restaurants, getting involved in the community or taking advantage of our many rec and park offerings."

**What do you hope to accomplish during this term?** "I am looking forward to leading the council as we tackle issues such as transit, redevelopment and balanced growth. I am hoping that the council will work more closely with the Planning Commission on the master plan and Rockville Pike plan. The Fiscal Year 2017 budget process, compensation and classification issues and structure of City Hall are also topics that I would like to address. We will hire a new city clerk/director of council operations."

### Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg

**Family:** Ed Feinberg (husband), Jeremy Feinberg (son), Daisy Zhang (daughter-in-law).

**Residence:** Orchard Ridge.

**Years living in Rockville:** 21.



**Experience:** One term on the council (2013-2015). Served as a member of the Rockville Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Finance and Budget Advisory Task Force and the Rockville Summit's City Services and Budget Work Group. Graduate of Rockville University and Leadership Montgomery. Montgomery County Government (1989-present). Senior manager in the county's Office of Management and Budget (1997-2012). Deputy director and chief operating officer for the county's Department of General Services (2012-present).

**What do you enjoy about living in Rockville?** "Rockville's strength is its diverse population, neighborhoods, and commitment to resident, business and nonprofit involvement in all aspects of city services, governance and programming. Equally significant is the commitment by city staff to deliver first-rate services."

**What do you hope to accomplish during this term?** "I am looking forward to the Senior Services report, so the city can adequately plan, program and budget for the increasing number of seniors in our city. Also, tax relief without compromising outstanding city services; increased transparency and good governance; implementation of the procurement study recommendations; and the minority, female, disabled procurement program."

### Councilmember Virginia D. Onley

**Family:** Claude W. Onley, Jr. (son), Cassandra Onley, (daughter-in-law). Grandchildren: Claude W. Onley III and Corinne Onley.

**Residence:** Americana Centre.

**Years living in Rockville:** 22.

**Experience:** One term on the council (2013-2015). Retired after 35 years at IBM. Served on Rockville's Senior Citizens Commission, Human Rights Commission and Charter Review Commission and Rockville Housing Enterprises. President of Americana Centre Homeowners Board. Member of the St. Mary's Parish Council.

**What do you enjoy about living in Rockville?** "The beauty of our city with the parks and landscaping. I also love Rockville's citizen participation government. That is what made me decide to make Rockville my home."

**What do you hope to accomplish during this term?** I want to continue to promote the careful management of Rockville's growth. My priority is to make sure we don't outpace our resources and infrastructure while we develop affordable workforce housing in Rockville."

### Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr

**Family:** Eric (husband), Bradford (son).

**Residence:** East Rockville.

**Years living in Rockville:** 8.

**Experience:** One term on the

council (2013-2015). Served as chair of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Review Committee and vice chair of the City Services and Budget Work Group of the Rockville Summit. Served two terms on the Environment Commission, chairing the Watersheds Committee. Public policy manager at the American Institute of Biological Sciences, a nonprofit scientific association. Volunteer with the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**What do you enjoy about living in Rockville?** "We love going for walks as a family, whether it's around the neighborhood or to a park. Town Center is also a favorite spot."

**What do you hope to accomplish during this term?** "My initial priorities are finishing the Rockville Pike plan, addressing the problems in Town Center, making our streets safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, taking up the county ban on pesticide use, and updating the city's election laws."

### Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

**Family:** Lesley (wife). Daughters: Esme and Vita.

**Residence:** College Gardens.

**Years living in Rockville:** 19.

**Experience:** Two terms on the council (2009-2013). Chair of the Town Center Action Team. President of the College Gardens Civic Association.

**What do you enjoy about living in Rockville?** "I enjoy the diversity of the residents, the variety and character of the neighborhoods, and the fact that we live in a hustling bustling city and that we are prosperous. I also enjoy the active political culture that we have."

**What do you hope to accomplish during this term?** "I will bring together city residents, businesses, nonprofits, schools and government to help write a new master plan that works for everyone. I will strive to diversify Rockville's economy and keep tabs on the budget. I will work with county stakeholders to provide more classrooms for our children." ❖



## Important Mayor and Council Dates

**Dec. 7:** Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

**Dec. 14:** Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

**Dec. 21:** FY 2017 work session at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Meetings and work sessions are televised on Rockville 11 and available live streaming and on demand at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).

**Drop-in sessions** are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. On **Dec. 14**, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg will join Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.

*No appointment necessary. A call to the City Clerk's Office, at 240-314-8280, is appreciated.*

## IN BRIEF

### The City's Legislative Priorities: Schools, Roads, Parks and Youth

Maryland General Assembly's  
90-Day Session Begins Jan. 13

The Mayor and Council's 2016 state legislative priorities once again include calls for increased state aid for school construction and parks and a permanent way to fund road maintenance.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton presented Rockville's state legislative priorities for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly to the Montgomery County Delegation at a hearing on Nov. 18.

Under priorities approved by the Mayor and Council on Nov. 16, the city will:

- **Advocate for increased school construction funding** from the state to address overcrowded and aging county public schools in Rockville and across the county.
- **Urge a permanent way to fund infrastructure through municipal Highway User Revenues.** The state provided one-time restorations in the aid, used for road maintenance and small infrastructure improvement projects, over the past three fiscal years.
- **Advocate for the restoration of Program Open Space funding.** The state aid, which was drastically cut during the economic recession, allows the city to build parks and recreation facilities that support the health and wellness of community members.
- **Advocate for Maryland Youth Service Bureau funding.** Rockville's Community Services Division is a youth service bureau that uses state funding to provide prevention and intervention services to at-risk youth. Rockville will advocate for the restoration of state aid for such services, which has been cut in recent years.

Rockville will also monitor any legislation introduced to address the following issues:

- Police body cameras.
- Financial disclosure requirements of municipal elected officials.
- County payment of municipal stormwater management utility fees.
- Redistricting of state and congressional districts.

The Mayor and Council will testify at hearings, provide written comments in support of priorities and advocate with Rockville's state representatives throughout the legislative session, which runs from Jan. 13-April 11 in Annapolis. For more details on these state legislative priorities, contact Linda Moran at [lmoran@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:lmoran@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8115.

### BUDGET WORK SESSION

#### Mayor and Council Work Session on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21, Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. and 11th St. N.E., Rockville, Md. 20850. Attend in person, live streaming or on demand at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11) or on cable channel 11.

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## Revamped Rockville Leadership Program to Return This Spring

Rockville will offer a new way to get to know the city this spring with a revamped leadership program that gives community members the opportunity to learn from city staff leaders who oversee the city's daily operations.

Dates are being finalized for the six-session program, which will include four sessions from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday nights and two sessions from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays, at locations to be determined. Spaces are limited. Participants must be 16 or older and live or work in Rockville.

Topics will include:

- Rockville's form of government, including a mock Mayor and Council session.
- The City Manager's Office and what it takes to run a city.
- Public works, including a tour of the city's water treatment plant.
- Planning, including the master plan process.
- Police and code enforcement, including neighborhood watch.
- Recreation and Parks, including a tour of city facilities and a look at programs and services for youth and seniors.
- Leadership training, including how to build a neighborhood network, how to manage conflict and how to be an effective community leader.

The highly interactive program seeks to empower new and existing leaders to use their talents to participate in and serve their communities and the City of Rockville.

For more information, contact Hjarman Cordero at [hcordero@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:hcordero@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8344.

## Avoid Clogs, Fight FOG (Fats, Oils and Greases)

Don't let your holiday include clogged pipes. When your holiday feast is finished, don't pour fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the kitchen sink.

These tips will help prevent sewer clogs and blockages:

- Avoid placing food that contains FOG in the garbage disposal.
- Scrape food and grease into the garbage before washing dishes.
- Use a paper towel or napkin to absorb cooking oil or grease before washing dishes.
- Pour FOG into an empty can, let it cool to solidify and dispose of it as refuse.

For more information, call the Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8870.

# In The Community



A solar canopy similar to this one will cover a portion of the parking lot at the city's maintenance facility, converting sunlight into electricity using an array of solar panels

## Rockville to Install Solar Canopy at the City's Maintenance Facility

### Solar Power Purchase Agreement to Yield Savings, Environmental Benefits

A canopy over the employee parking lot at the City of Rockville's maintenance facility, unanimously approved Oct. 12 by the Mayor and Council, will provide shade to vehicles while converting sunlight into electricity using an array of solar panels.

The canopy will cover a portion of the parking lot at the facility at 14625 Rothgeb Drive. Based on conceptual designs, the solar panel system is anticipated to generate about 26 percent of the facility's electricity needs.

In 2013, the Mayor and Council voted to enroll the city as a Maryland Smart Energy Community and established a goal of using renewable energy for at least 20 percent of the energy needs at city facilities.

Under a solar power purchase agreement, the city avoids upfront installation costs for the solar panel system and locks into a price per kilowatt-hour for 20 years that is lower than electricity rates

the city paid over the past 10 years. The project will help stabilize the city's long-term energy costs, advance the city's renewable energy goals, support green jobs and reduce regional air pollution.

A solar provider will design, finance, install, own, operate and maintain the system and will be able to seek a federal tax credit to offset 30 percent of its capital cost. To take advantage of the tax credit, the project must be installed before 2017. Under the agreement, the city has the option to purchase the system from the provider at fair market value at specific intervals throughout the life of the agreement.

Similar solar canopies have been installed over parking areas at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, FedEx Field and on the Verizon campus in Silver Spring.

Find the city staff report and video from the Oct. 12 meeting at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

## Workshop to Focus on Understanding Rockville's Diverse Communities

Human Rights Commission Program to Explore Engaging with Different Neighbors

Rockville's Human Rights Commission presents "I Could Be Your Neighbor," a workshop to help community members develop ways to interact with, and understand, neighbors of different cultures.

Rockville is changing. With this change comes new faces, cultures and traditions. The two-part workshop will be held over two dates – from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 and from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. The workshop seeks to create a community that is enriching, stimulating, secure and peaceful.

The first part of the workshop will examine differences, diversity, disagreement, and dialogue.

Participants will look at how conflict is manifested in communities today, exploring how to engage neighbors and members of the greater community. Role play will be used to build confidence in working with diversity and differences. Participants will identify activities or outreach to engage in before the next session and will develop a strategy for engaging with neighbors.

During the second session, participants will share their experiences in engaging with neighbors. The workshop will explore the challenge of building bridges in society, particularly in environments characterized by mistrust, polarization, and fear.

For more information and to register, call 240-314-8316.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony to Reflect on 'Building Community'

Program to Feature Performers, Guest Speaker

The Mayor and Council invite the community to the city's 44th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 18. The celebration, at 10 a.m. at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, will include diverse, interactive and multicultural performances, and awards recognizing Rockville community members who are carrying on King's legacy. Admission is free and open to all.

David Ragland will deliver a keynote address with a focus on the theme of "The Challenge: Building Community in the Age of Ferguson and Baltimore."

Ragland, who grew up in North St. Louis, a few miles from Ferguson, Mo., is the co-founder of The Truth Telling Project in St. Louis and an assistant professor of peace and conflict studies at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. The Truth Telling Project is focused on developing a truth and reconciliation process to address structural violence and racism in Ferguson and beyond.

The celebration also includes the presentation of



Awards will be presented Jan. 18 at the MLK Day ceremony.

the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream, and the F. Michael Taff Award to an individual, organization or business that has helped improve the quality of the lives of people with disabilities. The nomination deadline for both awards is Friday, Dec. 4. Find and submit nomination forms at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk). The Web page also features details about January's celebration and video from the 2015 celebration.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or [jkelly@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jkelly@rockvillemd.gov). For information about access, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.

## PLUNGE! IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

### JOIN THE ROCKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAKE THE MSP POLAR BEAR PLUNGE!



## BE BOLD. GET COLD. PLUNGEFEST 2016!

Join us at the 20th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge. Together with thousands of others, we will take the Plunge into the icy Chesapeake Bay to support the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

PLEDGE OR REGISTER AT [WWW.PLUNGEMD.COM](http://WWW.PLUNGEMD.COM)  
Register as an individual or team and you could win some awesome prizes!  
FOR DETAILS, CALL BETSY AT 410-242-1515, EXT. 115



## POLICE PLUNGE

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# News You Can Use



A new sidewalk on First Street is one of several recent projects that seek to improve pedestrian safety.

## New Sidewalks Improve Pedestrian Access Along Avery Road and in East Rockville

A recently completed sidewalk project improves safety for pedestrians and bus riders along Norbeck and Avery roads.

The \$331,000 project was constructed along the east side of Avery Road between the Blair Ewing Center, at 14501 Avery Road, and Avery Road Combined Care, at 14701 Avery Road. It was paid for with revenue from the city's speed camera program and supports the Mayor and Council goal of improving pedestrian safety. It provides safe access between the bus stop at Avery and Norbeck roads and Avery Road Combined Care, which is the last property within the city limits on northbound Avery Road, across from RedGate Golf Course.

The improvements include a 6-foot-wide sidewalk, curb and gutter, a retaining wall, storm drains and inlets, and a water quality inlet structure.

The city also recently completed sidewalk connections on First Street (across from Maryvale Elementary School), Denham Road at Edmonston Drive, and Langbrook Place at the Rockcrest Park entrance. These sidewalks were funded through the Fiscal Year 2016 Sidewalk Capital Improvement Program.

Find the city's sidewalk prioritization policy, a map of sidewalks prioritized for construction and forms for petitioning for sidewalk construction at [www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks). ✚

## Water-Saving Toilets Available for Low-Income Homeowners

Newer Toilets Could Reduce Water Bills

The city's Water Conservation Program offers new, water-saving toilets to Rockville homeowners based on financial need. Under the program, city staff will coordinate removal and replacement of up to two older, inefficient toilets per home with new water-saving toilets.

Older toilets use 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush, while the new toilets use 1.28 gallons per flush and, depending on water usage, may reduce water bills.

To qualify, applicants must own their home in Rockville and meet installation criteria, as well as family size and income guidelines. Participating homeowners are responsible for maintenance and repair of the toilet fixture, accessories and plumbing, upon installation. Funds, which were approved by the Mayor and Council in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, are limited. Toilet replacements will be on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants.

For more information, and to apply, call the Community Services



Family Size	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$38,250
2	\$43,700
3	\$49,150
4	\$54,600
5	\$59,000
6	\$63,350
7	\$67,750
8	\$72,100

Division at 240-314-8310. Seniors (60 and older) should call the Senior Services Division at 240-314-8810. ✚

## What to 'Leave' Out of City Leaf Collection Piles

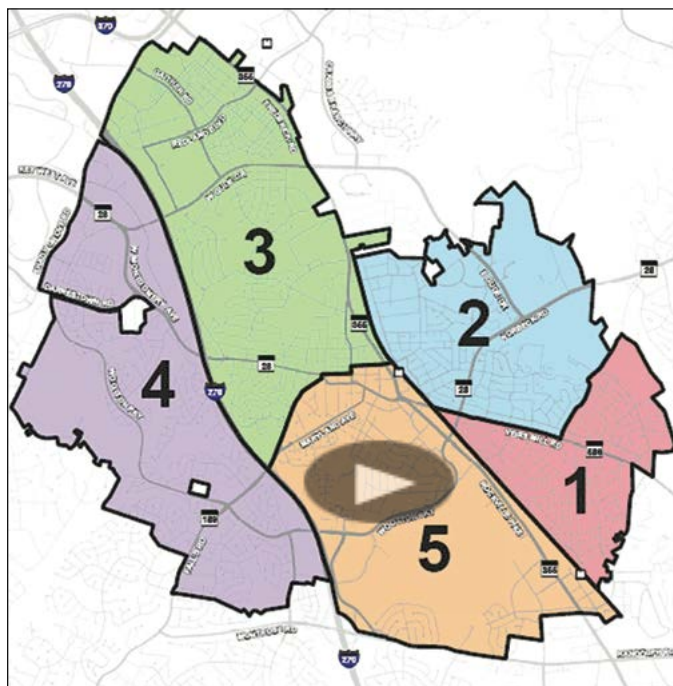
City crews will continue to vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs through Thursday, Dec. 24. Remember these tips to properly dispose of yard waste and prevent pollution in City of Rockville storm drains and waterways:

- **DO** rake leaves to the curb (or adjacent to the pavement if no curb or gutter exists) immediately before or during collection week, and by 6 a.m. on the collection days.
- **DO NOT** mix grass clippings, sticks or other objects with leaves in the street or gutters.
- **DO** put grass clippings in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or marked 32-gallon trash cans and set them out with refuse and recycling on your collection day.
- **DO NOT** dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm

drains, along stream banks or directly into streams. Although yard waste is biodegradable and may seem harmless, excess quantities can clog storm drains and contribute to localized flooding. Decomposing leaves can also release nutrients, stimulating algae blooms that lead to fish kills. If rain is forecast, consider keeping leaves on grass until after the rain passes.

- **DO** help reduce collection and disposal costs by using alternative methods for disposing of leaves and grass clippings, such as mulching or composting.

Find more tips and an interactive map where community members can input their address to learn the leaf collection date for their neighborhood at [www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection). ✚



**Area 1:** Dec. 14-18  
**Area 2:** Dec. 21-24  
**Area 3:** Nov. 23-27  
**Area 4:** Nov. 30-Dec. 4  
**Area 5:** Dec. 7-11

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection) for an interactive map.

### INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

#### Preparing for Snow Season: Quick Links, Facts and Phone Numbers

When winter weather strikes, turn to the city's website at [www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather). Closure and snow emergency information is available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather), and through email notices, social media, and by signing up for Alert Rockville notifications. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/connections](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/connections).

#### Snow Removal

The city clears snow from 160 lane-miles of city-maintained roadways, 30 miles of publicly owned sidewalks, walkways and pathways, and 18 city-owned facilities and parks with parking lots. City-maintained roads have blue street signs. Privately maintained roads have white street signs and are the responsibility of homeowners associations or business owners. Crews treat and plow roads in the following order:

1. Primary roads, which are major arterial roads, roads in central business districts and primary residential roads.
2. Secondary roads, which are the remaining residential streets, alleyways and cul-de-sacs.

Removing snow from sidewalks, driveways and entrances is the responsibility of the property and/or business owner or occupant unless a community association has assumed the responsibility. Snow and ice must be cleared from all paved sidewalks abutting a property as follows:

- **Up to 3 inches:** Clear within 24 hours.
- **3 to 9 inches:** Clear within 48 hours.
- **10 inches or more:** Clear within 72 hours.

If residents are able to do so, they should clear snow from around fire hydrants and storm drains.

#### Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency ..... 911  
Report a Downed Tree ..... 240-314-8700  
Report a Pepco Power Outage. . . 1-877-737-2662  
Public Works Streets Division. . . 240-314-8570  
City Rec. Programs Status. . . . . 240-314-5023  
Snow Removal Help or Volunteer to Help  
..... 240-314-8810  
Montgomery County's 24-Hour Crisis Center  
Hotline ..... 240-777-4000  
(Anyone in Montgomery County who needs assistance to stay warm can visit the county Crisis Center at 1301 Piccard Drive.)  
Rockville City Hall ..... 240-314-5000  
Rockville City Police Department  
(non-emergency) ..... 240-314-8900

#### Be in the Know When it Snows!

**ALERT Rockville**  
[rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://rockvillemd.gov/alerts)



The Alert Rockville notification system relays up-to-the-minute messages to subscribers about snow emergencies, facility closures, public safety, severe weather and traffic.

#### Signing up is EASY!

1. Create a username and password.
2. Choose the types of alerts you want to receive.
3. Choose and prioritize your preferred method(s) of delivery – text, phone, email.
4. Enter your information - mobile phone number, home phone number, email.
5. Enter up to five locations.

To sign up, visit: [www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts)



Public Safety • Severe Weather • Traffic



## THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE

### Recreation Facilities Offer Festive Fun Holiday Bazaar, presented by Rockville Seniors, Inc.

- **Saturday, Dec. 5; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Get your pick of homemade crafts and baked goods, peruse the book selection or take part in a raffle. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter) or 240-314-8800.

### Natural Holiday Crafts

- **Sunday, Dec. 6; 1:30-3 p.m.** at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road. Use natural or recycled objects to make at least three holiday crafts and ornaments. Adult participation required for children under age 8. Register by Nov. 30. Cost is \$12 for Rockville residents / \$14 for nonresidents. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek) or 240-314-8770.

### Tiny Tots Winter Wonderland

- **Tuesday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-noon** at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Preschool children and their parents will enjoy a special visit from the North Pole, play equipment in the gym, crafts, games and a light snack. Ages 5 and under. \$2 per child; current membership or day passes required for adults. Call 240-314-8840 to register.

### Gingerbread House Workshop

- **Saturday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** at Thomas Farm Community Center. Fee (\$45 for Rockville residents / \$50 for nonresidents) includes one house and sweet decorating supplies. Working conditions include plenty of cookies and drinks. Call 240-314-8840 to register.

### Cookies with Santa

- **Saturday, Dec. 19; 2-4 p.m.** at Thomas Farm Community Center. Visit with Santa and bring a camera for a photo with him. Take part in face painting, cookie decorating and more. Cost: \$4 per person at the door (children under age 1 are free). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Donate to the Rockville Holiday Drive

#### Give Back to Your Community

The city's annual Holiday Drive collects and distributes toys and gifts in December to hundreds of children and families in Rockville, and it needs your support.

Help neighbors in need by dropping off new, unwrapped toys for children or \$20 Target or Giant gift cards by Dec. 17 to collection boxes at City Hall, Glenview Mansion and Rockville recreation facilities. Donations will be accepted from Dec. 18-31 for distribution to those in need after the December holidays.

Tax-deductible monetary donations are also accepted, and may be dropped off or sent to the Community Services Division at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., First Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. Checks should be made payable to "The Rockville Holiday Drive Fund."

Last year, with the Rockville community's generous support, the holiday drive provided new toys for more than 400 children and gift cards for more than 250 teens.

The continued success of the drive depends on a collaborative partnership with local churches, schools, civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, nonprofits and individuals working together to make the holidays special for the less fortunate.

Learn more and watch Rockville 11's documentary, "A Community That Cares: The Rockville Holiday Drive," at [www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive).



# Holiday Happenings



## Enjoy Free Holiday Open Houses at Glenview Mansion

Connect with your friends and neighbors, create memories and celebrate the holidays at a special open house series at Glenview Mansion this month.

The free holiday open houses are from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays in December at the mansion, in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Enjoy the 1926 mansion at its finest with spaces decorated by community organizations. Join us on:

- **Dec. 6:** Opening reception for the free Rockville Art League exhibition (open through Dec. 31) in the art gallery. Enjoy live music by:
  - Rockville Singers at 1:15 p.m.
  - Victorian Lyric Opera Company at 2:15 p.m.
  - Capital Accord Chorus at 3:15 p.m.

**Dec. 13:** Children's Day with Santa and Mrs. Claus and live music by:

- The Heavenly Handbells of Trinity Lutheran Church at 1:15 p.m.
- Heart of Maryland Chorus at 2:15 p.m.
- Watkins Mill High School Chamber Singers at 3:15 p.m.

**Dec. 20:** Tour the mansion's decorated rooms and enjoy live music by:

- Richard Montgomery High School Madrigals at 1:15 p.m.
- The Encore Singers at 2:15 p.m.
- Harmony Express at 3:15 p.m.

**Dec. 27:** Tour the mansion's decorated rooms.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview) or call 240-314-8660. ✚

### Connect with us on Social Media.



### Holiday Shopping?

**Eat. Shop. Save Money. Do Good.**



**Rockville Rewards cards are now available for 2015-2016! Cards are valid through Aug. 31, 2016 and offer discounts at 125 Rockville area businesses. Purchase the card for \$25 and support any one of 29 participating local nonprofits, which keep 100% of the card sale proceeds.**

**Find a list of participating nonprofits and businesses where you can buy the card or purchase it at [www.rockvillerewards.com/buy-the-card](http://www.rockvillerewards.com/buy-the-card).**

### Recycling and Energy-Efficient Electronics Make the Holidays Greener

The holidays can generate a lot of waste and energy use. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the volume of waste generated by U.S. households increases 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, producing about 1 million extra tons.

Rockville's recycling program can help households cut down on refuse and have a greener holiday. The city collects holiday trees as part of its regular recycling collection. Trees are taken to the Montgomery County Recycling Center, where they become mulch. The mulch is available year-round and can be picked up, for free, at the center, at 16105 Frederick Road, next to the Shady

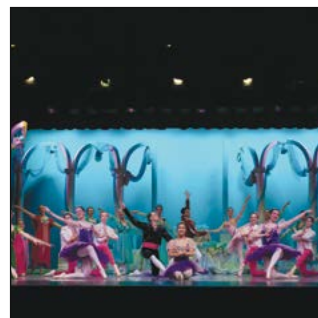
## Holiday Classics On Tap at Fitzgerald Theatre

Brighten your spirit this season with a variety of performances coming to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Buy tickets at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre), or by phone at 240-314-8690, or at the box office at 603 Edmonston Drive, for these shows:

### "A Christmas Carol" presented by Hope Garden Children's Ballet

Saturday, Nov. 28 at 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$22 adults, \$19 students and seniors (60+).



### "The Nutcracker" presented by Rockville Civic Ballet

Saturdays, December 5 and 12 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, December 6 and 13 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$17 adults, \$13 children (12 and under) and seniors (60+).

### Lloyd Dobler Effect: Holiday Experience Concert

Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy a mix of holiday favorites, band originals performed in an alternate fashion and unique cover songs orchestrated by the band. Features visits by

Santa Claus, The Grinch, The Human Dreidel, Elvis, a leprechaun, Bad Santa and more.

Tickets: \$15 advanced; \$18 day-of-show.



### "Welcome Winter" presented by the Rockville Concert Band

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

Expect to hear the soft snow falling, bright holiday cheers and icicles tinkling.

No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation.



### Holiday Concert presented by the Rockville Chorus

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wide variety of selections – both traditional and contemporary – to celebrate the season.

No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation. ✚



and Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-registered products. Rockville provides recycling collection for electronics, such as cell phones, computers, televisions and holiday lights.

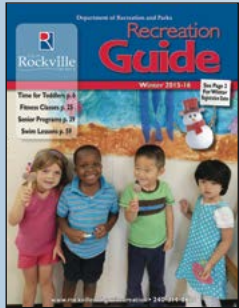
For more information on recycling and refuse service, holiday tree collection, or to make a bulk collection or electronics recycling collection appointment, call 240-314-8568.

For more environmental tips throughout the year, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment). ✚



## FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration is required, register online at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center**, **SR** 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH** 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the Winter Recreation Guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide).

**1,3,5,8,10 Rockville 2040 Listening Sessions** Times vary at locations throughout the city. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040).

**3 Winter Recreation Program Registration Opens** Find the Winter Recreation Guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide).

**3 Interjurisdictional Bus Rapid Transit Meeting** Open to the public. 7 p.m. Learn more at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/transit-task-force-2015](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/transit-task-force-2015). Lobby-level auditorium, Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St.

**5 RSI Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show** 9 a.m. See article on page 6. **SR**

**5 "I Could Be Your Neighbor" Workshop** FREE! (Part 1 of 2; Part 2 is Dec. 8.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Twinbrook Commu-

# December Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

nity Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. See article on page 4.

**5,6,12,13 "The Nutcracker," Presented by Rockville Civic Ballet** See article on page 6. **FSF**

**6 Rockville Art League Exhibition Opening and Concert** FREE! 1-4 p.m. See article on page 6. **GM**

**6,13,20,27 Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses** FREE! 1-4 p.m. See article on page 6. **GM**

**6 Natural Holiday Crafts** Use natural or recycled objects to make holiday crafts and ornaments. Ages 3-10. Adult participation required for children under 8. Register by Nov. 30. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

**7,14,21,28 Mommy and Me** Emphasizes play between caregiver and child using age-appropriate equipment in the gym. Center pass or daily membership required for caregivers. Age 4 and younger free. 10 a.m.-noon. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

**8 Tiny Tots Winter Wonderland** Meet Santa and enjoy music, crafts, play equipment and holiday refreshments. 10 a.m.-noon. Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive.

**8 "I Could Be Your Neighbor" Workshop** FREE! (Part 2 of 2; Part 1 is Dec. 5.) 7-9 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. See article on page 4.

**9 Southlawn Industrial Area Study Public Meeting** 6:30-8 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. See article on page 2.

**10 Nature Tots: Rocks Rock** A naturalist helps children ages 2-5 explore nature through play, crafts, stories and hikes. Adult participation required. Ages 2-5 yrs. Preregistration recommended. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

**11 Parents Night Out** Drop off kids ages 5-12 for supervised activities. 7-9 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

**12 Holiday Gingerbread House Workshop** Learn tricks to building a holiday gingerbread house. Fee includes one house, sweet decorating supplies, cookies and hot chocolate. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center.

**17 Rockville Holiday Drive Toy and Gift Collection Ends** See article on page 6 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive).

**18 Lloyd Dobler Effect Holiday Experience Concert** 7-9:30 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**19 Saturday Story & Hike** Ages 2-5. Adult participation required. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**19 Cookies with Santa** Holiday games, crafts, writing letters to Santa, holiday tattoos and cookie decorating. Bring a camera for a picture with Santa. 2-4 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center.

**20 "Welcome Winter," Presented by the Rockville Concert Band** FREE! \$5 suggested donation. 3-4 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**20 Rockville Chorus Holiday Concert** FREE! \$5 suggested donation. 7:30-9 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**25 Christmas Day** Rockville City Hall and all city facilities are closed. See article on page 1.

**28-30 Winter Break Mini Camp** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center. See ad on page 8.

**28-30 Winter Wonderland Fun Days** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. See ad on page 8.

**28-30 Winter Blast** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center. See ad on page 8.

**28-Jan. 6 Coat Drive** Drop off a new or gently used coat of any size at one of our six locations. See ad on this page.

## Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the city website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

**2 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.

**2,16 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

**3 Environment Commission** 7 p.m.

**5 Board of Appeals** 9 a.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

**8 Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m. at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

**8 Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m.

**9 Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.

**15 Rockville Seniors Inc.** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

**17 Senior Citizens Commission** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Center.

**17 Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m. Televised on Rockville 11.

**23 Rockville Housing Enterprises** Board of Commissioners 6:30 p.m. David Scull Courts Community Center, 1201 First St.

## Vacancies

The city is seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1 regular; 2 alternates)
- Board of Appeals (1)

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Commission (1 regular; 1 alternate)
- Human Rights Commission (1)
- Human Rights Advisory Commission (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1 regular; 1 alternate)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)

Rockville Seniors, Inc. (1)  
• Senior Citizens Commission (3)  
Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to the Mayor and Council, c/o City Clerk, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or submit an Expression of Interest Form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

## Donate to our COAT DRIVE

DEC. 28 THROUGH JAN. 6

Lincoln Park Community Center has teamed up with Burlington Coat Factory for their 9th Annual One Warm Coat Drive. Drop off coats (any size new or gently used) from Monday Dec. 28-Wednesday Jan. 6.

**240-314-8780**  
[www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc)

**Burlington** Coat Factory

### Drop Off Locations

- Lincoln Park Community Center**  
357 Frederick Ave.
- Rockville City Hall**  
111 Maryland Ave.
- Rockville Police Station**  
2 W. Montgomery Ave.
- Rockville Swim and Fitness Center**  
355 Martin's Ln.
- Thomas Farm Community Center**  
700 Falls Grove Dr.
- Twinbrook Community Rec. Center**  
12920 Twinbrook Pkwy.

If your company or organization would like to support the coat drive either with donated coats or a financial contribution, contact Yvette Yeboah, LPCC supervisor, at [lpcc@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:lpcc@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8783.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING, VISIT [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV)

## Resultados de las Elecciones, Cierres por Días Festivos en la Ciudad y Temporada de Nieve

El siguiente es un resumen de algunas de las noticias más destacadas en esta edición de "Rockville Reports:"

### Votantes Reeligen a Newton, Tres Miembros del Concejo; Pierzchala Gana un Asiento en el Concejo

Los votantes de Rockville reeligieron a Bridget Donnell Newton como alcaldesa el mes pasado, dándole casi 65 por ciento de los votos totales emitidos. Tres miembros del concejo fueron reelegidos: Beryl L. Feinberg, Virginia Onley y Julie Palakovich Carr. Mark Pierzchala, quien sirvió en el concejo por dos períodos del 2009 al 2013, también ganó la elección a un asiento del concejo. El alcalde y los miembros del concejo prestaron jura-

mento durante una ceremonia de inauguración el 15 de noviembre en el Teatro F. Scott Fitzgerald.

De los 40,749 votantes registrados, 6,648 votos (15.9 por ciento) fueron emitidos en el Día de la Elección, días de votos anticipados y por votos en ausencia o provisionales. Las elecciones son no-partidistas y se celebran cada cuatro años. Encuentre los resultados de la elección completos en [www.rockvillemd.gov/electionresults](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/electionresults).

### Las Instalaciones de Rockville a Cerrar por Días Festivos

El Ayuntamiento y todas las instalaciones de la ciudad estarán cerradas el viernes 25 de diciembre, en conmemoración del Día de Navidad y el viernes

1 de enero, en conmemoración del Día de Año Nuevo. Muchas instalaciones y programas operarán con un horario limitado el jueves 24 y 31 de diciembre. Los artículos reciclables y desechos por lo general no son recolectados en viernes y no serán afectados durante los días de fiesta. Para más información, llame al 240-314-5000 o visite [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).

### Preparando para la Temporada de Nieve

Cuando el clima de invierno llega, la información acerca de los cierres en la ciudad y emergencias de nieve está disponible en [www.rockvillemd.gov/weather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/weather), así como a través de notificaciones por correo electrónico, Facebook y Twitter y suscribiéndose a las notifi-



caciones de Alerta de Rockville en [www.rockvillemd.gov/connections](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/connections). Para información sobre los requisitos de la ciudad para remoción de nieve y para respuestas a las preguntas más frecuentes sobre emergencias de nieve, visite [www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather).

Para más información en español, visite [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) y refiérase a la sección "Seleccionar Idioma" en la esquina inferior derecha de la página. ❄️



## Plan Your Special Day at the City's Wedding Expo

Connect with more than 30 professional vendors at Glenview Mansion's 17th Annual Wedding Expo.

The expo is from noon-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31 at the mansion, in Rockville Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive. Entry is \$5 cash, per person, at the door.

Learn how to create a unique, customized wedding plan with advice from experts in catering, wedding cakes, photography, musical entertainment and floral arrangements.

The mansion hosts weddings and other private events throughout the year. Celebrate your special day with all that Glenview Mansion has to offer – from the historic mansion, to the formal gardens, art gallery, cottage and more.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview) or by calling 240-314-8660.

## Stay Active this Winter with the 5K Walk/Run Program

If your New Year's resolution includes walking your way to improved health and fitness, then sign up for the city's beginning running program and maintain or improve your current 5K race pace.

The Adult 5K Winter Walk-Run Program, organized by the city and the Montgomery County Road Runners Club (MCRRC), includes Tuesday and Saturday practices from January through March.

The fee is \$45 for MCRRC members and \$55 for nonmembers.

For more information, visit [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org) or call the city's recreation line at 240-314-8620.

## REDI Seeks Feedback from the Business Community

In order to gauge the success of Rockville businesses over the past year, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) is asking local business owners to take a few minutes to complete their 2015 Business Survey. The survey should take 10 minutes or less to complete and will help REDI better understand the hurdles facing businesses as they attempt to grow. The feedback is crucial for REDI to accomplish its mission of strengthening and broadening Rockville's economic base through entrepreneurship, expansion, retention and recruitment programs. To take the survey, visit [www.rockvilleredi.org/2015survey](http://www.rockvilleredi.org/2015survey).

## Rockville 2040

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ter plan process to gather input on what life is like in each portion of the city, said David Levy, Rockville's chief of long range planning. While not all students live in the city, they all are "users" of the city, he said.

"If there's a park in their neighborhood, it's because there was a plan to do it," Levy said. "We're helping them understand the role of the master plan in development, environmental preservation, the economy, transportation, parks, community centers and more and we're asking them to think about what they'd like the plan to say."

What do you want Rockville to be like in 2040? Stop by an upcoming listening session – five are scheduled in December – and lend your ideas to the process. View the listening session schedule at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040), where you can also learn more and sign up to receive email updates.

For more information, email Ann Wallas at [awallas@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:awallas@rockvillemd.gov) or Hjarman Cordero at [hcordero@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:hcordero@rockvillemd.gov), or call 240-314-8200.

# Neighborhood Notes

## Rec Programs Help You Connect, Create and Celebrate Fitness Year-Round

Improve your health and spark your creativity with a variety of programs offered by the City of Rockville in the Winter Recreation Guide, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide) and also mailed to Rockville homes.

Registration opens to all on Thursday, Dec. 3 (members of the Rockville Senior Center and Rockville Swim and Fitness Center may register for programs starting Dec. 1). Most programs begin the week of Jan. 4.

From the arts presented at Rockville Civic Center Park to instructional sports, aquatics programs and classes to engage the mind, the recreation guide provides details

on something for everyone. Also on tap for this winter: school break programs, special events like Glenview Mansion's holiday open houses, the 17th Annual Wedding Expo and special Valentine's Day activities.

Enroll in a Rockville recreation program this winter to connect with friends and neighbors, create special memories and celebrate a healthier you.

Register online at [rock-enroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rock-enroll.rockvillemd.gov) or in person at City Hall or city recreation facilities.

Learn more about recreation programs and facilities at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation). ❖



## City Offers Health and Wellness Support to Seniors

Rockville residents age 60 and older who may be feeling isolated, lonely or depressed – feelings that can be more prominent during the winter and holiday season – can benefit from free wellness support at the Rockville Senior Center.

The center's Support Services Division provides:

- Stress reduction/meditation classes.
- Health screenings and immunizations.
- One-on-one psychological counseling twice weekly and ongoing support groups with a social worker.

- Health and wellness counseling and information.
- Group and individual counseling sessions in Spanish.
- Educational programs in Spanish.

Call the wellness line at 240-314-8803 for more information or to request services. Learn about customized individual assistance, home visits from staff and resource referrals by calling 240-314-8816 (English) or 240-314-8817 (Spanish).

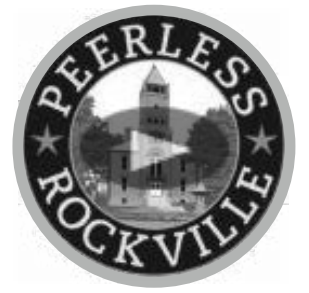
Learn more about the center, which is located at 1150 Carnation Drive, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter). ❖

## Peerless Honors Contributions to Rockville's Heritage

*Annual Awards Celebrate Historic and Architectural Preservation*

The 36th annual Peerless Rockville awards ceremony, held Nov. 20 at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, recognized efforts to preserve Rockville's historic and architectural character. This year's winners were:

- Maryland Public Television, for the "Our Town – Rockville" documentary.
- The Montgomery County Historical Society and the City of Rockville, for stewardship of the historic Beall-Dawson House and their 50-year partnership.
- The City of Rockville; Jim Fetchu of Charles P. Johnson and Associates; and Tim Schueler of Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.; for environmental restoration of the Glenora Tributary.
- The City of Rockville, for educational outreach and interpretive exhibit, for the Wootton's Mill interpretive marker.
- The Montgomery County Department of General Services and AECOM, for new construction, compatible addition, sustainable design and landscape design for the Judicial Center Annex, at 50 Maryland Ave.
- The Thomas S. Wootton Social Studies Honor Society for Educational Outreach for the Thomas Sprigg Wootton historical



marker, near the school at 2100 Wootton Parkway.

- Peter and Patricia Neame, homeowners; Mark Hughes, architect at Harrison Design Associates; and George Papaheraklis, contractor at Finecraft Building Contractors, Inc.; for stewardship, landscaping and renovation at 106 N. Adams St.
- Beth Mobley, homeowner, and Russ Robertson, contractor at ACCO Home Improvements, for the renovation and landscaping at 2304 Veirs Mill Road.
- GTM Architects and DogiZone, for adaptive reuse of 501 E. Gude Drive.
- MV+A Architects, for new construction at 275 N. Washington St.

Peerless Rockville is an award-winning, community-based nonprofit founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville's heritage.

Learn more at [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org), or call 301-762-0096. ❖

## Winter Break Activities at Community Centers Dec. 28-30

**Winter Break Mini Camp** at Lincoln Park Community Center; 240-314-8780; includes a field trip. Grades: K-5. Cost: \$90 for Rockville residents/\$105 nonresidents. Register for course #52898.

**Winter Blast** at Thomas Farm Community Center; 240-314-8840; Grades: K-5. Cost: \$90R/\$105NR Register for course #52331.

**Winter Wonderland Fun Days** at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center; 240-314-8830; Ages: 5-12 Cost: \$30R/\$35NR per day. For Dec. 28, register for course #53003. For Dec. 29, register for course #53004. For Dec. 30, register for course #53006.

Register at [rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov) or at any city recreation facility. For more, call 240-314-8620 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide).



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